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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002 in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period for response ended on January 2, 2003. Submitted herewith a petition for a three-months extension of time. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. A payment for the extension of time is included, however, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0675 for any deficiency or credit any overpayment in connection with this Response.